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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the April 18, 2002 Communication issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for response expires on May 18, 2002.

In the April 18, 2002 Communication the Examiner pointed out that Applicants' January 18, 2002 Response To Restriction Requirement failed to elect a single peptide for examination.

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Applicants hereby thank the Examiner for pointing out their inadvertent mistake in failing to elect a single peptide for examination. In this regard Applicants elect the peptide GRETLMQDQQRLNSWGCKGRIICYTSARWH, designated as Seq. ID No. 69.

If any other fees are due in connection with the filing of the subject Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CDS-222/SAB in the name of Johnson & Johnson.

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